

WASHINGTON- Today Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE) voted against the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (HR 2419).

"This farm bill is bloated, loaded with pork, has no reform and doesn't help farmers. I am deeply disappointed with the plan that came to the floor today," said Congressman Terry.

"Additionally, the Farm Bill does not include the amendment I passed on the House floor last year to provide additional research grants for cellulosic ethanol. While I am a strong supporter of corn-based ethanol, our nation needs to supplement corn-based ethanol with cellulosic ethanol in order to achieve true energy independence in the future," said Congressman Terry.

Congressman Terry could not support the Farm Bill conference report because it lacks significant reform to our commodity programs and adds expensive new subsidies. The plan proposed today also included unnecessary tax credits which benefit few Americans and includes large spending increases.

